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## Well-Known Couple Will Retire

Mr. and Mrs. Val Hill, members of the music faculty of the College for the past three and one-half years, are leaving the teaching profession at the end of the fall semester to reside in Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. Hill, associate professor of strings and director of the Northwestern State Symphony Orchestra, will begin work for a life insurance company. He has been teaching music for the past twenty years.

He received his three degrees from the American Conservatory, the University of Nebraska, and Colorado University. He holds the Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Arts, and Master of Music Degrees.

Mrs. Hill, director of the string students of the Natchitoches Elementary School, and director of the High School String Orchestra, holds a Bachelor of Music Degree from the University of Nebraska and has done graduate work at Colorado University.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill will continue their well-known duo-violin playing in Fort Worth.

## East-West Tours Sponsored By NSC

The vacation-study tour of the northeastern United States and Canada, conducted by Prof. LeRoi Eversull last summer, was so successful that popular demand has prompted the Department of Social Sciences to plan two such tours this summer.

The tour conducted last summer

will be repeated with certain modifications, and another tour, covering the western section of the United States will be under the direction of Prof. George A. Stokes. Both groups will travel by bus for greater mobility and flexibility of the program.

Three semester hours of college credit will be given those taking the tour, either East or West; however, the earning of college credit is optional with the person making the trip.

Primarily, these tours are set up for the benefit of students or teachers and have a three-fold purpose behind them. These purposes, briefly stated, are: (1) To augment the background of factual knowledge, thereby increasing their effectiveness as instructors and their value as citizens. (2) To achieve a fuller realization of the roles played by other regions in the social and economic life of our country, and of how these interdependent areas are bound together to constitute a great nation. (3) To make possible the enjoyment of a rich and profitable experience at minimum expense, and to accomplish this in a systematic and orderly fashion.

These tours will be conducted between the end of the summer session and the beginning of the fall semester. If you are interested in taking either of these tours, more detailed information may be secured from the conductors, Mr. Eversull and Mr. Stokes, each of whom will receive your letter addressed to him at Northwestern State College.

## Seventy Candidates for Degrees

### President of Louisiana College Commencement Speaker

The mid-year commencement exercises were held in the Fine Arts Auditorium on Thursday evening, January 24, at 7:30, when Dr. G. Earl Guinn, President of Louisiana College, delivered the commencement address.

Reading the honor roll were Dean C. E. Dugdale; and Deans George T. Walker, C. E. Dugdale, and John B. Robson presented the candidates for the degrees. President H. Lee Prather conferred the degrees, after which Mr. Harold Kaffie, vice-president of the Alumni Association, delivered the welcome into the Alumni Association.

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts Degree are: Kathryn Dawkins Bonsall, Bastrop; Helen Patricia Cameron Beaumont, Texas; James Obie Chandler, Florien; Jerri Hicks Dunn, Leesville; Patsy Jean Eason, Many; Shirley Harp, Bastrop; Sallie Yvonne Harper, Crowville; Louise Elizabeth Harris, West Monroe; David Gentry Koch, Natchitoches; Ruth Lynde Lee, Winnfield; Mary Frances Luther, Many.

John E. Lyle, Natchitoches; Norman David McFerren, Marthaville; Mary Catherine Mahan, Monroe, Mich.; Guinevere Martin, Natchitoches; Hallie Scott Pieron, Wisner; Shelton H. Robinson, Danville; G. Dreux Smith, New Orleans; Gwladys Katherine Wasson, Shreveport; and Ruth S. Winters, Leesville.

Candidates for the Bachelor of Science Degree are: Larue Adams, Shreveport; Sara Pat Andry, Alexandria; Allen Randolph Bonnette, Natchitoches; Willie Alva Bumgardner, Ashland; Minnie Jean Burkhalter, Ringgold; Verna Mae Calcote, Bunkie; James Henry Camp, West Monroe; Charles Edward Castaing, New Orleans; Achille Philip Cheron, Jr., Buras; Grace Claine Cooley, Longville; Barney Eugene Cottingham, Columbia; Carlton M. Durham, Atlanta; Clarence J. Eliser, Natchitoches.

Barbara Nell Emmons, Pleasant Hill; Andrew M. Golden, Florien; Ann Bolen Gremillion, Alexandria; George Robert Harper, Leconte; Tommie Louise Holt, Coushatta; Beth McGuffee John-

son, Shreveport; Charles Leonard Johnson, Glenmora; Francis A. Jones, Jr., Campt; Katherine Thorp LaFleur, Mansfield; R. D. Latham, Converse; Oscar Cecil Leach, Bellwood; Henry Vincent Maggio, Natchitoches.

Charlotte Martin, Lake Providence; Lelia Elizabeth Mills-paugh, Natchitoches; Bessie L. Morgan, Saline; Deryl Z. Morris, Monroe; Zona Mae Morris, Delhi; Ruby Arlene Norsworthy, Bellwood; Richard D. O'Quinn, Cypress; Mrs. Glenn Rae Owers, Jena; Gertrude Prather, Natchitoches; Paul Raymond Purser, Natchitoches; Willie Mae Jackson Ruch, Bastrop; Firal L. Ryder, Alexandria; Wilda Thompson Shirley, Ferriday; Lucy Carol Singleton, Alexandria.

Earl D. Speights, Toro; Ellis Harvey Tinney, Penn Yan, N. Y.; Richard W. Traber, Natchitoches; Nelwyn L. Turner, Shreveport; Robert Alvis Walker, Chestnut; Liberine R. Wedgeworth, Zwolle; Mrs. Jacqueline Dowden Weeks, Natchitoches; Ralph L. White, Alexandria; Mrs. Doris D. Wiggins, Natchitoches; William C. Willhite, Jr., West Monroe; and James G. Willis, Doyline.

## Life Certificates Issued

Certificates of life membership in the Alumni Association have been issued this month to the following: Dr. Kerwin Donaldson, Alexandria; Rupert H. Cooke, Gulf Park College, Gulfport, Miss.; Mrs. Gabriel Sompayrac Brown, Austin, Texas; Miss Minnie Leola Craft, Coushatta; Frank T. Weaver, Elmont, L. I., New York; Mrs. John M. Miller, Mooringsport; and Miss Lucile Swett, Natchitoches.

There is a beautiful certificate of life membership waiting to have your name written on it. Just send in your life membership fee, and it will be mailed immediately.

Your life certificate is something you will be proud to show classmates and college friends. Moreover, it sets you apart as a definitely loyal alumnus; better still, it is the mark of one deeply interested in education and in seeing that others, perhaps less fortunate than himself, have an opportunity to finish their college work.

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← The nursery school provides an interesting laboratory for learning about children. Here girls work with them at a Christmas party given in the Home Economics building.

## Designed for living and learning

By RUBY SMITHA DUNCKELMAN  
Head of Department of Home Economics

Students learn arts of home and family living in modern Home Economics department.

Students majoring in Home Economics and in other fields engage in many phases of living and learning at Northwestern State College of Louisiana.

In September, 1950, the Department of Home Economics moved into its new building, designed to serve as a center for Home Economics activities on the campus. The building, its furnishings, and the course offerings were planned cooperatively by the entire staff, providing a broad and flexible program of studies for majors in Home Economics and for students with other professional interests.

Color has been used generously throughout the building. Laboratories and work rooms are comfortable, efficient, and attractive. The choice of furnishings and their informal arrangement create a home-like atmosphere conducive to learning, and consequently the rooms serve many purposes. Many students and homemakers in town enjoy hand-weaving in the quaint weaving room. Men and women students of elementary education gain appreciation and skill in handicraft suitable for children.

An attractive library, furnished in rock maple, serves as a combination library and education room. Here are found up-to-date materials for studying and teaching Home Economics. The library room is also used for school and community meetings related to the field of homemaking. Each of the offices occupied by faculty members is furnished in a different style of furniture with appropriate accessories, which constitute excellent teaching material; and the offices are pleasant places in which to work.

The entrance and hallways give the atmosphere of an attractive home. The social areas, including a cosy student clubroom and a spacious living-dining room with adjoining kitchen, are entirely adequate for teaching gracious living. In this environment students prepare for gainful occupations in Home Economics and for homemaking—the career toward which most women students direct their attention.

### Homemaking Preparation Is Emphasized

Much stress at Northwestern State College is placed on preparation for homemaking. Any girl may minor in Home Economics or may elect courses designed for non-majors. The department operates a nursery school as a laboratory for the child-development classes, in which both girls and boys are enrolled. Some are preparing for their



The spacious living-dining room appropriately furnished provides an attractive setting for all social functions such as the dinner for seniors.



← Fabrics for suits and dresses, as well as household linens are woven and made into garments in the clothing laboratory.



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*Senior students judge food products made in experimental cookery class. Each student is working on an individual problem.*

chosen vocation—Nursing, Primary Education, Social Welfare, Child Development, or one of the other fields in Home Economics; others are parents developing self-confidence through growth in understanding their own children; and still others are students from various major fields who find in the work with children a way of understanding and appreciating people in general.

Home Economics majors, students desiring home management as a background course for their work with families in social welfare, and students from other departments who expect soon to be home-makers, take the home-management courses. The home-management house provides a typical living situation on an average income basis. Actual home-living experience is gained by students who assume responsibilities in family living—an experience which contributes a great deal to the attainment of satisfying personal and family goals.

Three laboratories and a dining room, provided with the most modern equipment and furnishings, are available for basic courses in foods and nutrition. Practical work in the college dining room, and institution methods of cooking food in quantities are offered, as well as advanced courses for students preparing for careers in nursing, teaching, extension work, dietetics, and lunchroom and institutional management.

#### Textile and Clothing Classes Attract Many

The classes in textiles, clothing, and home furnishings attract students from many of the departments as well as adults from the community. Some students select textiles and clothing as the major field. Courses are offered in personal clothing problems, clothing selection and construction, dress design, draping, family clothing, textiles, and tailoring. The students take great pride in their workmanship, and some of the garments made by them can always be viewed in the several display windows. The study in house furnishings may start with silver in the hope chest and end with refinishing old furniture. The furnishings in the building supply a wide variety of types for study and evaluation.

Many of the majors choose the teacher-training curriculum. After making a study of teaching methods and problems in Home Economics, the student has the advantage of one full semester of practice-teaching experience in the high school located on the campus or of full-time service for nine weeks in an off-campus high school.

Plans for the new buildings were developed in 1947 by the staff under the leadership of Miss Esther Cooley, head of the department at that time. Minor changes in the building plan and the selection of the furnishings and equipment were made by the faculty under the guidance of Miss Lela Tomlinson, head of the department from 1948 to 1950. Decisions were made by the group following a thorough study of the space, equipment, and other needs of each area of training. The course offerings are under continual study by the staff. The most recent change in the offerings was the provision of additional courses for non-majors.

We feel there is a bright future for the Department of Home Economics at Northwestern State College and for its students. The opportunity to have the building, its equipment, and its furnishings as livable and attractive as a good home, together with broad and flexible course offerings and a well-qualified staff of experienced teachers, makes certain that the department's primary objective will be met—the education of young people and adults for home and family living.

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*Teachers from surrounding area use the library for studying up-to-date teaching materials.*

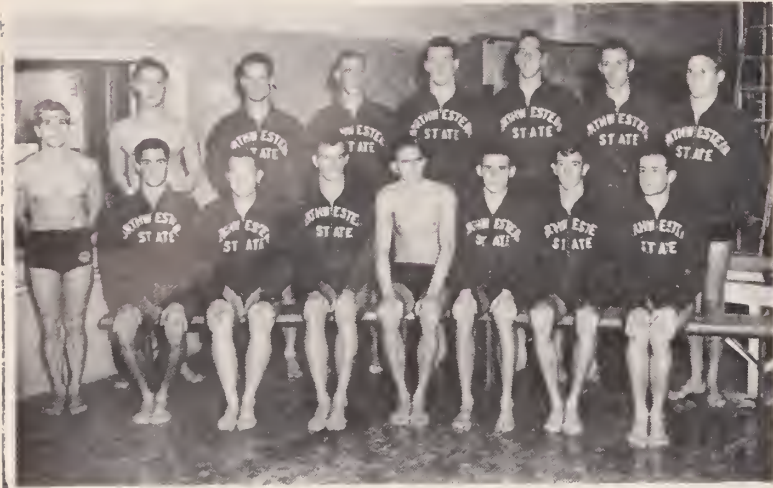


*A flexible program in Textiles and Clothing makes it possible for girls to design garments and work out individual problems.*





## Champion Demon Swimmers Undefeated In Two Meets



NSC swimmers, seated: Ben Duhon, Robert Miller, Harold LaRue, Robert Voorhees, Michael Torrans, Pat Todd, and Michel Lelong. Standing: Coach Piscopo, Robert Justiss, Jack Gaston, Peyton Cunningham, Hamilton Prestridge, John Cunningham, Myron Lockey, and Paul Ryder.

Scoring wins over New Orleans YMCA and Memphis Naval Station in their first two meets this winter, Coach Piscopo's swimmers are preparing for the invasion of the Little Rock Boys' Club on Saturday, February 2.

Following the meet with Little Rock will be return engagements with Memphis Naval Station in Natchitoches on February 9, and New Orleans YMCA in New Orleans on February 16. The remainder of the schedule will bring the Demon tankmen against their stiffest opposition when they meet Texas A & M in Natchitoches on February 21, Southern Methodist University in Dallas on February 23, and a return engagement with Texas A & M at College Station on March 9.

## NSC Host To GSC Basketball Tourney And Track Meet In 1952

The Gulf States Conference will hold its initial basketball tournament at the Northwestern State College Gymnasium beginning Wednesday, February 27, to determine the tournament champion. A basketball tournament for the conference has been urged for the past two or three years and is being staged this year on a trial basis. The success of the tournament will determine whether it will become a permanent affair.

The tournament will determine only the tournament champion, since the conference championship in basketball will be awarded on the basis of the regular season's play.

Net proceeds from the gate will be distributed among the competing teams, the amount received by each team depending upon the length of time spent in the tournament and the distance traveled. This amount will, in part at least, reimburse the teams for the expense involved in participating in the tournament.

Teams expected to enter the tournament are Northwestern State, Centenary, Louisiana Tech, Louisiana College, Southwestern, Loyola, Southeastern, Mississippi Southern, Spring Hill, and McNeese.

McNeese State College of Lake Charles was admitted to membership in the Gulf States Conference

in December, with the provision that the teams would be eligible for conference championships beginning in September, 1953. They were invited to participate in the conference tournament.

The Gulf States Conference boasts of having some of the strongest basketball teams in the entire South, and spectators will be assured of seeing plenty of action during the tournament.

### GSC Track Meet At NSC

Northwestern State will also be host for the fourth annual Gulf States Conference track meet on Saturday, May 3. Trial events will be conducted in the afternoon with the finals scheduled for the night meeting under the lights.

Loyola University, defending champions of 1951, are expected to make a strong bid for their second consecutive conference track championship. With many stars returning from last year's championship squad, plus added strength from several outstanding freshmen and sophomores, they give every indication of repeating last year's performance.

NSC has not been a strong contender for track honors since the organization of the Gulf States Conference, having finished no higher than fourth place during the three years' existence of the conference.

## Basketball Scores To-Date

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|--------|------------------|----|--------|--------------|----|
| NSC 81 | Alexandria A. B. | 49 | NSC 45 | Spring Hill  | 48 |
| NSC 76 | Sam Houston      | 62 | NSC 66 | La. College  | 51 |
| NSC 62 | Alexandria A. B. | 37 | NSC 76 | Southwestern | 60 |
| NSC 62 | Lamar Tech       | 60 | NSC 13 | Loyola U.    | 52 |
| NSC 48 | McNeese State    | 67 | NSC 63 | Southeastern | 69 |
| NSC 50 | Lamar Tech       | 52 | NSC 53 | Loyola U.    | 73 |
| NSC 60 | Sam Houston      | 68 |        |              |    |
| NSC 82 | N. E. State      | 58 |        |              |    |
| NSC 94 | McNeese State    | 72 |        |              |    |
| NSC 71 | N. E. State      | 49 |        |              |    |

## EVERYBODY WANTS TO GET THE BALL



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